

DEATH OF A SALESMAN

Table of Chronology Act One

Page	Events/ Dialogue	Past	Present	Mood/ Atmosphere	Other Comments
7-9	Willy comes home and describes journey			exhaustion, confusion	
10-11	Willy and Linda discuss Biff			exasperation	
12	Willy feels boxed in			claustrophobia	
12-13	Willy reminisces			nostalgia, happiness	
14-18	Happy and Biff discuss women, jobs			enthusiasm, dreams	
19-20	and Bill Oliver			hope	
20	Willy talks to himself			confusion	
20	Happy and Biff fall asleep			anxiety	
21	Willy talks to Biff and Happy about girls			paternal pride, warmth	
22-23	Biff and the stolen football			approval, delight	
23	Willy brags about his success			boastfulness	
24	They discuss the big game			complete happiness	
25	Bernard worries about the examinations			unwelcome hint of reality	
27-28	Willy and Linda discuss money			exasperation, anger	
29-30	Willy and the woman			happiness, sensuality	Note how two different past times merge together
30-31	Willy and Linda			guilt	
31	Willy tells Bernard to give Biff the answers			anger	
32	Willy and Happy discuss Ben			frustrated anger	
33-34	Charley and Willy play cards...			resentment	
34-36	...meanwhile Ben enters and offers Willy a job in Alaska. Charley leaves			Ben: Urgency Willy: admiration, regret Charley: bewilderment	Note how past and present blend together

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36-38	Linda enters, Willy and Ben talk about their father			sentimentality, nostalgia	
37	Ben meets the boys			admiration, cheating	don't fight fair... cheat
39-40	Charley warns Willy about the boys' stealing			unwelcome hint of reality, friendly advice	
41	Linda 'rescues' Willy			confusion, desperation	
41-42	Linda and Biff discuss Willy			anger, frustration	
44-45	Linda defends Willy			love, understanding	
46	Linda tells Biff about the suicide attempt			honesty, fear,	
47-48	Willy and Biff argue			anger	
49-51	Willy, Biff and Happy share the 'Loman Brothers' dream. Biff plans to see Bill Oliver			optimism, hope	
53	Willy advises Biff how to behave			happiness	
54	Willy reminisces about the football game			lyrical, nostalgia	
54	Biff finds the rubber tube			horror, despair	

The scenes highlighted in yellow are the ones you may wish to concentrate on...